## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--Such a drug is preferably intended for the treatment of <u>rheumatoid polyarthritis and</u> septic shock states such as peritonitis, pneumopathies, meningitis or bacterial septicemias and, more generally, and severe acute infectious state endangering the life of the patient, whether the infection be of bacterial, fungal, viral or parasitic origin.--